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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(13) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 11/09/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 01/16/2023

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 22-1070

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: On 11/9/22, NoHo NC voted to support CF 22-1070. Please read the attached statement for more details.

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Date of NC Board Action: 11/9/2022

Type of NC Board Action: Support

Date: 12/26/2022

Council File Number: Emergency Declarations [CF 22-1070](#)

Summary: On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared an Emergency in the state of California due to COVID-19. On March 17, the Governor signed Executive Order #N-29-20, which modified the “Brown Act” to permit local bodies to meet virtually. In the City of Los Angeles, this also applied to neighborhood councils. On April 17, EmpowerLA released a Virtual Governance Plan for neighborhood councils and authorized them to meet via Zoom beginning May 1. Given that people no longer have to appear in person, we have noticed a great increase in the number of public commenters and general public participation. This has led to more robust meetings and deeper community engagement than previously possible.

Additionally, virtual meetings ensure that even those working, at home with children, or otherwise unable to physically attend a NoHO NC meeting are still able to participate; it has strengthened and made our local democracy more equitable. **Therefore, the NoHo NC supports maintaining a virtual meeting option in perpetuity.**

With this said, we do have concerns that some of our neighbors who are unhoused, marginalized, or who do not have access to a device or the internet, may be left out of the picture. We ask that the City: 1) Make virtual meetings a permanent option for neighborhood councils, but look into a sustainable hybrid model in which the NC can choose to have in-person meetings to engage the public that may not have internet access. 2) Work with the state legislature and governor to modify the Brown Act, if needed, to accomplish permanent virtual meetings and/or exempt neighborhood councils from the Brown Act and allow us to establish our own standards.